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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: CORE GROUP CONSULTATION ON KOREA
REPRESENTATIONS

REF: (A) STATE 178439, (B) GEORGETOWN 1537

SUMMARY: CORE GROUP MET AUGUST 3 AND AGREED BRITISH AND CANADIAN
REPS WOULD SUPPLEMENT REPRESENTATIONS US EMBASSY HAS MADE ON
KOREA ISSUE TO FONMIN WILLS PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE. BRITISH REP WILL
MAKE LOW KEY REPRESENTATION AND LEAVE AIDE MEMOIRE WITH FOREIGN
MINISTRY PERM SEC COLLINS. CANADIAN WILL CALL ON ACTING FONMIN
HUBERT JACK TO MAKE ORAL REPRESENTATION. I HAVE ALREADY DIS-
CUSSED KOREA ISSUE IN DETAIL WITH JACK DURING MY COURTESY CALL ON
HIM LAST WEEK IN HIS CAPACITY AS MINISTER OF MINES AND ENERGY.

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HAMILTON GREEN, MINISTER OF COOPERATIVES, HAS TOLD ME THAT KOREA

ISSUE WAS DISCUSSED IN CABINET LAST WEEK AND BURNHAM HAS ADOPTED "MODERATE" POSITION. I INTERPRET THIS TO MEAN THE POSITION WILLS OUTLINED TO ME JULY 29. CORE GROUP WILL MEET AGAIN TO DISCUSS GOG REACTION AFTER MY COLLEAGUES HAVE MADE THEIR REPRESENTATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. CORE GROUP MET IN OFFICE OF GEORGETOWN CONVENER, ACTING CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER GERALD OHLSEN, AUGUST 3 TO DISCUSS REPRESENTATIONS TO GOG CONCERNING KOREA BEFORE THE NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT MEETS IN COLOMBO. OHLSEN SAID HE HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS LATE JULY 29 TO CONSULT WITH US AND BRITISH COLLEAGUES AND AGREE ON MOST APPROPRIATE TACTICS. I REPORTED ON US REPRESENTATIONS HERE AND ON WILLS' RESPONSE PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE LAST WEEK (REF B). BOTH MY COLLEAGUES THOUGHT POSITION WILLS SAID GOG HAD ADOPTED WAS AS GOOD AS OR BETTER THAN EXPECTED.

2. INITIALLY((DUE TO EXTREME SENSITIVITY BURNHAM HAS EXHIBITED OVER PREVIOUS REPRESENTATIONS "EN MASSE", ACTING CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER FELT THAT WE SHOULD LEAVE MATTER REST (FACTOR IN HIS ARGUMENT ALSO WAS THAT GOG OFFICIALS HAVE MADE CLEAR BURNHAM CURRENTLY IS UNHAPPY WITH SOVIETS AND CUBANS FOR HEAVY-HANDED REPRESENTATIONS). WE EVENTUALLY AGREED, HOWEVER, THAT BRITISH ACTING HICOMM WOULD CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTRY PERMANENT SECRETARY RUDOLPH COLLINS AND PRESENT AIDE MEMOIRE WHICH WOULD INCLUDE REFERENCE TO AND SUPPORT FOR US POSITION AS PREVIOUSLY OUTLINED TO GOG. CANADIAN AGREED TO MAKE LOW-KEY ORAL PRESENTATION TO ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER HUBERT JACK DURING MEETING IN WHICH OTHER SUBJECTS WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

3. CORE GROUP AGREED TO MEET AGAIN AFTER BRITISH AND CANADIAN REPS HAVE MADE THEIR APPROACHES TO GOG. I PLAN NO FURTHER APPROACHES TO GOG UNTIL RECEIPT OF NEW INSTRUCTIONS AND/OR SECRETARY'S LETTER.

4. MINISTER JACK, WHO IS A MEMBER OF OFFICIAL GOG GROUP TO ACCOMPANY BURNHAM TO COLOMBO, IS ALREADY FAMILIAR WITH US POSITION ON KOREA ISSUE. I HAD AN EXTENDED CONVERSATION WITH HIM JULY 28 DURING WHICH WE DISCUSSED SEVERAL TOPICS. INCLUDING THE KOREA ISSUE. HE PROFESSED UNDERSTANDING OF USG POSITION AND OF MY EXPLANATION OF US PUBLIC REACTION TO WHAT IS PERCEIVED TO BE CONFIDENTIAL

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UNJUSTIFIED CRITICISM OF US POLICIES BY COMMUNIST AND NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES. HE GAVE NO INDICATION, HOWEVER, OF SUPPORT FOR US POSITION. DURING A SIMILAR CALL ON MINISTER OF COOPERATIVES AND NATIONAL MOBILIZATION HAMILTON GREEN ON JULY 30, I WAS TOLD THAT DURING CABINET MEETING EARLIER IN WEEK BURNHAM AND CABINET HAD DISCUSSED US REPRESENTATIONS ON PUERTO RICO AND KOREA ISSUES AND, IN GREEN'S VIEW, BURNHAM WOULD TAKE "MODERATE" POSITION AT COLOMBO. I ASSUME HE WAS REFERRING TO POSITION OUTLINED TO ME BY FONMIN

WILLS (REF B).
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